(3) Compassionate gratuity is paid to the heirs in case death occurs during service.

(4) The privileges of the Provident Fund rules are also extended to them.

Mr. K. M. Korah : May I know whether they are entitled to pension ?

Mr. R. Krishnaswami Rao : No, Sir.

Mr. K. M. Korah : May I know whether the Government will be pleased to consider the granting of pension to those people also ?

Mr. R. Krishnaswami Rao : The suggestion may be considered by Government.

Income from P. W. D. and market tolls in 1111 and 1112.

100. ***Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair :** Will the Government be pleased to give a statement showing the total amount realised by them by auction under tolls for roads and contracts for markets for 1111 and 1112 ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : A *statement giving the required information is placed on the table.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know whether the amounts realised under tolls for roads and contracts for markets are not steadily on the increase ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : I have got the figures only for 1111 and 1112. The members can see from it that so far as the amount realised under tolls are concerned, it is on the decline while the amount realised from markets has gone up.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know whether the Government are in receipt of successive complaints that market contractors are extracting higher rates than those prescribed from the people ?

Mr C. O. Madhavan : I am not aware of any such complaint having been received by Government

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know whether the Government have considered the impossibility of the market contractors collecting fabulous amounts bidden by them if they levy only the prescribed fees from the people ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : The markets are disposed of in auction and the bidders are expected to know what they can realise and then offer their bids accordingly.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know whether the Government have considered, before they auction a market to a contractor, the probable amount that he may be able to realise from the people if he levies only the prescribed dues from the people ?

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Mr. C. O. Madhavan: That is more for the bidder than for the Government to consider.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the Government are aware that if the bidders bid for fabulous amounts they would not be able to realise the amounts they have deposited with the Government unless they coerce the people?

Mr. C O. Madhavan: Rates have been fixed, and if the contractors realise more, people can complain.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether Government exercise any sort of supervision in the case of collections made in markets?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: No, Sir. Besides the general supervision there is no means of daily and constant supervision.

President: Are rates fixed?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: Yes.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: In view of the fact that there is complaint that contractors extract money from the people, may I know whether Government have thought it fit to exercise more supervision in the matter of collecting market tolls?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: The necessity has not arisen so far.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know from the Government whether in the numerous petitions that have been received by Government it is not said that market contractors are collecting more money?

President: Has any petition been received by Government?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: No, Sir. If the honourable member wants the number, I claim notice.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether last year a deputation waited upon the Dewan complaining that market contractors are collecting money over and above the prescribed rates?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: I am not in possession of that information now. I claim notice.

Civil and small cause suits pending in the Munsiffs' Courts at Muvattupuzha, Perumbavur and Parur.

101. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of civil as well as small cause cases filed in each of the District Munsiffs' Courts at Muvattupuzha, Perumpavur and Parur for the years 1111 and 1112 and till the end of Edavam 1113;

(*b*) the total number of cases now pending on the file in the said courts, inclusive of arrears in the three courts, separately;

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Appendix I.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 100**

Statement showing the income from P. W. D. and market tolls in 1111 and 1112.

Amount realised under tolls for	1111 ...	Rs. 6,37,250.
Do.	1112 ...	Rs. 5,70,000.
Amount realised under contracts for markets for	1111 ...	Rs. 85,481-5-0.
Do.	1112 ...	Rs. 95,530-6-11.

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